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1. ON MARCH 17, LUKASIK OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING NOTE DATED MARCH 16, 1978,
TO THE EMBASSY REGARDING TARIFF SCHEDULES FOR AIR TRANSPORTA-
TION BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. THE FOLLOWING IS
AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC (WORDS FROM COMPLEMENTARY OPENING OMITTED)
HAS THE HONOR TO REPLY TO NOTE NO 6 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1978, AND
ALSO NOTE NO 7 MARCH 2, 1978, FROM THE EMBASSY
REGARDING THE MATTER OF AIRLINE TARIFFS APPLIED FOR BY LOT
POLISH AIRLINES.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED NOTES, THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DESIRES TO CONVEY THE SATIS-
FACTION OF THE AIRLINE AUTHORITIES OF THE POLISH PEOPLES
REPUBLIC THAT THE POSITION OF THE US EXPRESSED IN NOTE NO 7 DOES
NOT INDICATE THE INTENTION TO SUSPEND THE TARIFFS APPLIED FOR BY
LOT. SUCH ACTION COULD PRODUCE UNFAVORABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR AIR
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TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MATTER RAISED IN NOTE NO 6 CONCERNING
YOUTH FARES IS TAKEN CARE OF BY MEANS OF THE INTRODUCTION
OF ESSENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE TARIFFS PROPOSED BY LOT.

5. IN ADDITION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE POLISH AIRLINE AUTHORITIES HAVE RECEIVED FOR CONFIRMATION A FORMULA OF PROPOSED PAN AM TARIFFS CONTAINED IN A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1978, AND SUPPLEMENTED IN A LETTER DATED MARCH 8, 1978. IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY THIS THAT THESE RATES, IF CONFIRMED, WILL APPLY EQUALLY TO TRAFFIC FROM THE UNITED STATES TO POLAND AND FROM POLAND TO THE UNITED STATES.

6. THE POLISH AIRLINE AUTHORITIES STATE WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SCOPE AND THE CONDITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE TARIFFS ARE FOR THE MOST PART IDENTICAL TO THE SCOPE AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE TARIFFS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE POLISH AND THE US AUTHORITIES FOR LOT. THERE ARE SOME TARIFFS APPLIED FOR BY PAN AM WHICH DIFFER FROM THE TARIFFS CONFIRMED FOR LOT EITHER IN SCOPE OR IF THE SCOPE IS THE SAME IN THE CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION. INDEPENDENT OF THIS, THERE APPEAR TO BE CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES AND QUESTIONS FOR THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF CARRIERS TO AND FROM POLAND REGARDING THE EVENTUAL ADOPTION OF "BUDGET" AND "STANDBY" TARIFFS APPLIED FOR IN THE LETTER DATED MARCH 1.

7. THE POLISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TOO LARGE A DIFFERENCE IN SCOPE AND INDIVIDUAL CONDITIONS IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFFS IS INADVISABLE BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, SUCH TARIFFS CAN BE CONFUSING FOR PASSENGERS AND DIFFICULT FOR TRAVEL AGENTS TO APPLY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SAME SALES AGENT OR AIRLINE BUREAU MUST SERVICE BOTH LOT AND PAN AM PASSENGERS.

8. TAKING THE ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORM YOU THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 10 OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1972, THE TARIFFS APPLIED FOR BY PAN AM CANNOT BE APPROVED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES COMPLETELY AS PROPOSED, AT LEAST UNTIL SOME OF THE AFOREMENTIONED QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED. THE AUTHORITIES INTEND TO TURN TO PAN AM FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF MAKING ALTERATIONS IN THE PROPOSED TARIFF SCHEDULE AND ALSO PROPOSE, AS AN APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION, CONSULTATIONS TO RESOLVE TARIFFS FOR THE YEAR 1978 IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY DIFFERENCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE PASSENGERS AND ALSO OF BOTH PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT.

9. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALSO STATES THAT THE POLISH AIRLINE AUTHORITIES WILL RESOLVE-POSITIVELY

THE APPLICATION OF A CHARTER PROGRAM BY CARRIERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND ALSO EXPECTS TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN A MANNER BENEFICIAL TO PASSENGERS AND THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT WITHIN THE GENERAL OUTLINES DESCRIBED IN THE NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY TO THE EMBASSY DATED JANUARY 21, 1978. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING OMITTED.) END TEXT.

10. A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL NOTE IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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